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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

BIG BATTLE RAGING.

EXTENSIVE GERMAN RETIREMENT EXPECTED.

ENEMY EVACUATION OF ARMENTIERES AND LENS.

Paris, October 2.
A Havas message states:—General Debeney's men, in liaison with the British Fourth Army, have entered St. Quentin and pushed the enemy beyond the canal on the eastern side of the town.

Despite a stubborn defence, the French have penetrated deeply into the Hindenburg system. General Berthelot's Fifth Army has compelled the enemy to abandon high ground between the Aisne and the Vesle.

A pitched battle of extreme violence is proceeding at Cambrai. The Germans are fighting desperately and throwing in all troops available. Twelve Divisions are accumulated north of Cambrai.

Capture of St. Quentin Completed.

London, October 2.
Reuter's correspondent at French Headquarters, writing to-day, says:—The French have completed the capture of St. Quentin. The town is now fully in our hands.

Big German Retirement Expected.

London, October 2.
Reuter learns that news early this afternoon from the Western Front shows that the advance between St. Quentin and Cambrai, where the enemy's lines have been broken, is threatening his line of retreat from the Oise and St. Gobain.

In view of the loss of St. Quentin and the lines northward, a retirement of the enemy on a fairly large scale is probable. This is all that is prudent to predict at present.

There was a feeling of greater buoyancy on the Stock Exchange this afternoon than for a long time, especially in Consols and also Russian minerals and oil.

Great progress has been made between the Vesle and the Aisne. The enemy has retired to the Aisne-Marne Canal north of Rheims. The enemy has been forced back upon the river line on the whole of this front excepting a small sector four miles wide and one deep at the extreme northern corner of the canal, where the enemy is fighting on the south bank of the Aisne near Jernicourt Wood, roughly on the Rheims-Loon Road.

Germans Feeling Losses of Material.

London, October 2.
Reuter's correspondent at British Headquarters, writing this evening, says:—Although fighting blazed up this morning with great intensity, later infantry fighting decreased. Along the Cambrai-St. Quentin front, we are busy mopping up and consolidating our gains.

The Canadian attack yesterday was anticipated by a very heavy enemy assault, engaging two fresh Storm Divisions; hence the furious fighting, in which the Canadians gradually gained the mastery.

The enemy is unquestionably beginning to feel the heavy loss sustained in war materials and has for some time past employed liquid air as a substitute for high explosive.

In forcing the Beuvroir-Wisencourt line yesterday, the English Thirty-Second Division bore a conspicuous share. Finally breaking through the last outpost of the Siegfried Line, they enabled the attack to swing northwards towards the Germans massed below Cambrai.

The statement that the Germans have set fire to Cambrai appears to be unconfirmed. It is now believed that the fire was caused by burning dumps.

In the attack along the canal bank north-west and south-east of Vendhuile our troops relieved a party of Americans who were surrounded the day before and had put up a magnificent resistance, though outnumbered. The ground was strewn with dead German.

We satisfactorily progressed eastwards in various parts of the new battlefield.

Fires in St. Quentin.

London, October 3.
Reuter's correspondent at French Headquarters, writing on October 2 states:—Whole quarters at St. Quentin are burning. Our advance units yesterday crossed the town to the eastern side. One company reached the railway station at the south-eastern corner. Fighting continued at night in various parts of the town. The ancient Town Hall is not visibly damaged; probably it was mined. It cannot yet be said that the interesting buildings in the town are beyond the reach of danger.

The battle continues north and south of St. Quentin. To the north, the French advanced towards Omissy, three miles north-east of the town. To the south they have pushed the Germans to the original Hindenburg defences. In the eastern outskirts of the town the Germans have been merely fighting rearguard and delaying actions. The town is ours.

Civilians Leaving Lille.

London, October 3.
Frontier correspondents announce that the Germans are evacuating the civilians at Lille.

Germans Evacuate Armentieres and Lens.

London, October 3.
A German official wireless message says:—We evacuated Armentieres and Lens without fighting on the night of the 1st inst. and occupied positions eastward.

Strong attacks against our news lines northward and southward of St. Quentin failed.

French local penetrations in Champagne, southward of Orfeuil, were reduced by counter-thrusts.

A Covering Fight.

London, October 3.
Reuter's correspondent at American Headquarters, writing yesterday, says:—The weather has become dry and cold, making the roads again available for traffic and transport of supplies. Enemy opposition continues, but signs are not wanting that the fight is of a covering character and that he mediates a withdrawal to a more distant line of defence.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

BIG BATTLE RAGING.

A Great Victory.

London, October 2.
Reuter's correspondent at British Headquarters, writing to-day, says:—A long and bitter battle is still raging, but it has turned so definitely in our favour that it is not premature to call it a great victory, the enemy's desperate doggedness and endurance alone warding off an immeasurable disaster.

By the afternoon of the 1st inst. the Australians breached the Wancourt Beuvroir Line, which is the last rearward outpost defence of the Hindenburg system; thus giving the French a flank covering for the capture of St. Quentin.

The way the whole German resistance has stiffened during the past few days is remarkable, seeming to indicate the enemy's sudden consciousness that he is fighting with his back to the wall. This is confirmed by the sallies and scarcely subdued savagery of the recent prisoners.

Our airmen dropped over thirty tons of bombs on likely spots.

This morning, the enemy opposition is increasing, as reinforcements appear in the line. The whole of the Hindenburg system below Balcourt Tunnel is now reported in our hands. Strong patrols were working through the tunnel and many lateral galleries this morning. The Australians are exploiting yesterday's gains and are going on; likewise the English and Canadian Divisions between Le Cateau and the Senese.

As the climax of the war approaches, the fighting grows more intense and more stupendous. There never was such a searching test of human endurance. The killing pace cannot be long maintained.

German Anti-Tank Zones.

London, October 2.
Reuter's correspondent at French Headquarters, writing to-day, says General Ludendorff has issued an order for the immediate creation of a special anti-tank barrage, composed of mines and concrete obstacles on the front positions exposed to attack. It has been decided by the Germans to use mine-warfare projectiles for this purpose. One such anti-tank zone is already in existence north of Rheims and others have been identified on various parts of the front.

THE CRISIS IN GERMANY.

Bulgaria's Surrender Causes a Panic.

Paris, October 2.
A Havas message states:—The Kaiser has sent a message to the Fatherland Party and in a cry of despair asks the people to "gather around me for the defence of the Fatherland." There is panic and bluster in Germany and no alternative is open save a dictatorship, says a Junker organ. The Socialists, Radicals and some Centrists see salvation only in a popularly-elected Cabinet. All agree on one point—that Germany's military and political policy have failed.

The news from Bulgaria came like a thunderclap to Germany and caused the greatest dismay on the Berlin Bourse. There has been no worse panic since the outbreak of war. A slump occurred in all war industry stocks.

Germany has lost a quarter of a million men in a few months. The people are growing with discontent and Germany's Allies are deserting her or becoming paralysed.

Conservatives Pocket Their Convictions.

Amsterdam, October 3.
A message from Berlin states that a meeting of Reichstag Conservatives resolved to endorse their convictions and participate in a Coalition Government with a view to obtaining an honourable termination of the war.

The German press is still incredulous that Bulgaria has entirely deserted the Central Powers, professing to cling as a last hope to the results of the despatch of the Austro-Germans to Sofia.

The New Government's Programme.

Amsterdam, October 3.
The Cologne Gazette says the new Government's programme will provide for a settlement of the Eastern questions by giving the border peoples the right to self-determination.

The Berlin press announces that Herr von Payer has definitely refused the Chancellorship. The candidature of Prince Max of Baden is now favoured. The Prince has declared his willingness to accept the post conditional upon the support of the Reichstag Majority.

THE PALESTINE CAMPAIGN.

Value of the Capture of Damascus.

London, October 2.
The newspapers give prominence to the British capture of Damascus. They emphasise that it is one of the most important Turkish bases in Asia Minor and the principal supply centre for the captured Turkish Armies. They also dwell on its great historical interest and express the opinion that the capture will create an enormous impression throughout Islam.

THE BULGARIAN SURRENDER.

Austro-German Troops in Sofia.

Amsterdam, October 2.
A message from Vienna says Austro-German troops have arrived in Sofia.

MR. BONAR LAW'S SPEECH.

Paris, October 2.
A Havas message states:—Mr. Bonar Law, speaking at the London Guildhall, said justice between great and small nations must be preserved. Peace was being forged by the victorious Entente Powers.

BOLSHEVIK AGENT REACHES NORWAY.

Stockholm, October 3.
M. Livinoff, ex-Bolshevik Agent in London, said he had arrived at Christiania.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE ENEMY BREAK-UP.

RUMOUR OF TURKISH PEACE MOVE.

London, October 3.
The Daily News correspondent at Zurich says Turkey has broken off Germany of her determination to propose peace with the Allies. Germany, in reply, has assured Turkey of her intention to remain a free country.

THE WAR OUTLOOK.

A Warning Against Over-Optimism.

London, October 2.
While the immediate and prospective advantages of Bulgaria's surrender are fully recognised, the newspapers here are uttering warnings against over-optimism.

It is pointed out that even if the downfall of Turkey speedily follows, the hardest part of the Allies' military task would still remain.

As regards the "Parliamentarisation" of Germany, it is emphasised that the main object is to strengthen the enemy's resistance by convincing the German troops that Germany has become a free country.

Meanwhile, the enemy on the Western Front is fighting most bravely and with great determination. A continuous effort and the greatest self-sacrifice are still required to attain victory.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE BATTLES IN FRANCE.

Fierce Struggle Near Cambrai.

London, Oct. 2.
Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig states:—Southward of Cambrai a fierce struggle all day was terminated by a successful attack at dusk, whereby New Zealanders, English and Scottish troops drove out the enemy from Crevecoeur and Rumilly and established themselves on the high ground eastward and northward of those villages. Several hundred were prisoners in these operations.

The Flanders Operations.

London, Oct. 2.
There is great interest in the operations in Flanders. A French semi-official states that General Degoutte's army has been operating since Monday. Previously it acted on the left of General Mangin's army. Presumably it was sent north as soon as the Belgian-British breakthrough was effected.

Stiffer German Resistance.

London, Oct. 2.
The consensus of opinion of correspondents yesterday was that the German resistance has stiffened and the enemy is fighting most desperately in an attempt to hold vital positions. The struggle is most furious on the road to Cambrai, which the German High Command evidently considers essential to the whole line of defence. Twelve German divisions have been flung in on this sector since Sept. 27, whereof six are on a front of five miles. On the other hand the British are fighting with incomparable spirit, advancing steadily, if slower than recently. The fact that the Germans deliberately set fire to Cambrai shows that they are not hopeful of saving the town. Several papers are of opinion that in view of the wanton destruction of cities like Cambrai the Allies should announce their intention of reprisals. It is pointed out that Marshal Foch's skill in threatening the enemy with a strategic rupture at three points, namely, Metz, Central France and Belgium accounts for the enemy's apprehension of disaster and the consequent hardening of resistance. The papers deplore basing too much optimism on the surrender of Bulgaria, declaring that the task of the Allies in the west is still stupendously difficult. Similarly American newspapers are far from assuming that the war is over and urge redoubled effort, as the opportunity is ripe to completely defeat Germany on the battle-field.

A German Communiqué.

London, Oct. 2.
A wireless German official message says:—We withdrew parts of the salient lines near St. Quentin, north-westward of Rheims and westward of the Argonne. The enemy gained a footing in Ledgehem, but our counter-attack regained the eastern part. On the fifth day of the Cambrai battle we repulsed seven assaults northward of Sannois and further south the enemy advanced beyond Abancourt and Batigny and towards Ouvillers. A counter-attack drove him back beyond Abancourt and Batigny. The enemy's assault broke down at and south of Cambrai. The enemy captured Rumilly and occupied St. Quentin. We withdrew from the Vesle, to north-westward of Rheims.

Flanders Communications Cut.

Paris, Oct. 2.
A semi-official message, after confirming that all communications in Western Flanders with Lille are cut, speaks of an enveloping movement from the north against Tourcoing, Roubaix and Lille which is becoming accentuated and incidentally mentions that the French army under General Degoutte is now operating in the vicinity of Roulers.

TERROR ON THE RHINE.

London, Oct. 2.
The Press Bureau states that a neutral who has returned from Germany states that there is widespread terror on the Rhine owing to British raids. The central portion of Frankfurt main station is so damaged that trains are unable to enter but arrive and depart at improvised wooden platforms some distance from the station.

THE MURMAN CAMPAIGN.

London, Oct. 2.
A British North Russia official message says:—In connection with the capture of Ukhtinskaya one hundred and sixty of the enemy were killed. Southern Karelia has been cleared of the enemy except for two hundred newly arrived reinforcements which are surrounded south-westward of Ukhtinskaya.

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SERIOUS FORGERY CHARGE.

Alleged Securing of \$10,000.

Four well-dressed Chinese named respectively Liang Yang, Kih, Wong Kwong, Wei, Hui Shok Po and Liang Kan Hin were charged at the Police Court this morning, before Mr. R. Wood, with forgery and uttering a forged receipt. The Hon. Mr. O. M. I. Messer, Q. S. P., prosecuted and Mr. M. K. L. defended.

The Hon. Mr. Messer, in opening the case, said that in this rather serious case he must ask for a remand. The facts were that it was a case of uttering a forged deposit receipt for \$150,000. On April 30, when the receipt deposit book was checked it was found that one of the forms was missing. On the 2nd instant, the Bank issued a receipt to the second defendant for \$150,000. Two days afterwards the receipt was presented to the Bank and payment received for it. Yesterday the lost form was produced at the Bank for payment. The first and second defendants went to the Bank and the other two remained outside. It was an obvious forgery.

Mr. Lo said that the facts of the case were rather peculiar. He applied for bail, and said that the first defendant arrived yesterday from Peking and he had no money. He went to the Bank to cash \$150,000, and thinking it was a very big sum, he took the other three defendants to accompany him. He said that the first defendant was far more guilty than the other three. He asked His Worship, in case he wished to have an early trial.

Mr. Messer said that as regards the first two defendants he knew them to be well off but as regards the other two defendants he did not know them. He asked for bail at about \$25,000 for the first two defendants.

His Worship fixed bail at \$25,000 for the first two defendants and \$10,000 for the others.

Mr. Lo said that the first defendant had wired to Peking. His Worship said that it was not necessary to provide bail in hard cash, but if any of the defendants' friends could put up security he would accept it.

His Worship remanded the case until October 10, at 2.15 p.m.

TO-DAY'S PEKING NEWS.

The following telegrams have been received from Peking:—

Premiership Problem.
Nearly all the political parties are in favour of T. T. Kwan as Vice President, but the Premiership is still very difficult to decide.

Troops for Manchuria.
It has been proposed that the Fengtian troops in Kiangan be sent to Manchuria.

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V. B. O.—Annual Aquatic Sports—3.30 p.m.

Dairy Farm Ice and Cold Storage Co., Ltd.—Meeting of Shareholders—noon.

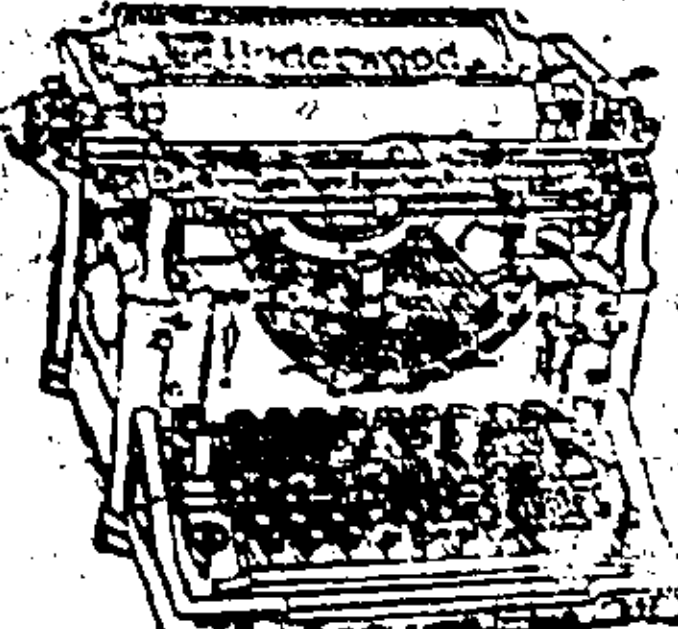
Tuesday, October 8.
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.—Extraordinary General Meeting—noon.

Saturday, October 10.
British Consulate—Meeting of the Council—7 p.m.

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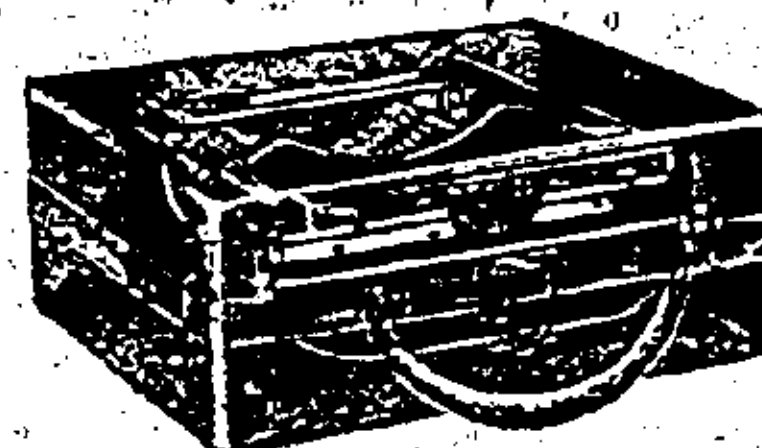
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GENERAL NEWS.

Flying Corps Accidents.
Major Baird, for the Air Board,
declined in the Commons recently,
to give the number of officers and
men of the Royal Flying Corps
killed by accident in this country
during the past six months, the
reason being that "it would be
giving information to the Ger-
mans which they did not give
about themselves. There was no
justification, he added, for alarm
that there was an undue number
of accidents.

Excess Profits in Greece.
The Finance Minister states
that over £1,000,000 will accrue
to the public Treasury from a tax
which the Government has
decided to impose on excess
profits. He adds that the Govern-
ment's fiscal measures include
the taxation of earned and un-
earned income, a tax on produc-
tion, and also a tax on Greek
capital deposited in foreign
countries. Negotiations were being
carried on with that object in
view.

Queen Mary's A.A.C. Patrols.
The Bristol Police School has
been selected by the War
Office to train the Queen Mary's
Auxiliary Army Corps Patrols.
The usefulness of trained and
sympathetic women ready to give
a helping hand or a word of advice
where numbers of girls and young
women are congregated together
has been amply proved during
the war. Bristol was the first city
in the provinces to establish a
school for training candidates for
posts as policewomen.

Pan-Thracian League.
A Thracian organisation has
been formed in Athens to safe-
guard the interests of the
refugees, with the title of the
Pan-Thracian League. Its main
purpose is to obtain a democratic
solution of the Thracian question
and compensation for sacrifices.
As many as 15,000 Thracians are
now in the Greek Army, and
there are also 10,000 war workers
in the Allied countries. The
League submitted to the Greek
Government a memorandum em-
bodying its programme and point-
ing out that the 250,000 Thracian
refugees in Greece represent half
the whole Greek pre-war
population of Thrace.

Southend Season's Tax.
Sir Albert Stanley, President
of the Board of Trade, recently
received a deputation represent-
ing the Borough Council and
trade interests of Southend in
regard to the increased cost of
railway season tickets. It was
pointed out that there are 10,000
holders of season tickets, and that a
large sum of money has been in-
vested in house property in the
borough, so that the additional
percentage on the tickets would
prove an unfair burden on
residents whose business called
them away daily. Sir Albert
promised that the arguments
would be considered carefully.

To Help British Music.
"I believe that Germany has
said her last word in music," said
Mr. Isidore de Lara, speaking on
British music recently. "For the
last ten to twenty years there
have only been feeble imitations of
Wagner." England had never
yet sung her song, and he believ-
ed the war had now given her an
opportunity. She had some of
the finest talent in Europe, and
her composers only wanted encour-
agement. Mr. de Lara is arrang-
ing a series of twelve British
concerts, to encourage young
composers and artists, and appeal
to all who are anxious to break
away from the fetich of the Ger-
man art to give him their support.

Concrete Floors.
In the House of Commons
recently, Mr. Bruce, Under-
Secretary for the Home Depart-
ment, replied to a question by
Mr. Percy Harris concerning the
damage caused on the occasion of
an air raid in January at a London
printing establishment, where
many casualties were caused. Mr.
Bruce said that an inquiry had
been made by technical experts
appointed by the Committee on
Scientific and Industrial Re-
search. The building had con-
crete floors, over the basement
none of which was pierced by the
bomb, the point of entry being
a pavement light. The damage
therefore afforded no reason
for doubting the utility of con-
crete floors as affording reason-
able protection against bombs
and incendiary bombs, and
exploding incendiary bombs.

GENERAL NEWS.

More Money Needed.

Speaking at a War Savings meeting of the legal profession in the Middle Temple, Sir Robt. Kindersley said the sum raised by continuous borrowing during the six months ended March was \$691,684,000, or at the rate of \$1,384,000,000 a year. That was a big sum, but not big enough. If we raised the same amount during the coming six months it would have a deficit of £746,000,800. Obviously some portion of that money would be borrowed from America and other sources, but it was essential that the country should very considerably increase its effort. If we did not pay for the war as we went along, our industrial and social effort after the war would be seriously interfered with.

Uncensored Leaflet.

A number of members of the Society of Friends write dissociating themselves "completely from the decision arrived at by the yearly meeting of the society on Wednesday, May 22, when it endorsed the action taken by the Service Committee of the society in printing and publishing an uncensored leaflet contrary to Regulation 270 under the Act for the Defence of the Realm. As loyal and law-abiding citizens we recognize that under the circumstances in which our country is now placed some limitation of our civil liberties is inevitable and should loyally be acquiesced in by all sections of the community." The signatories to the protest include: J. B. Braithwaite, Percy Oorder, Samuel Dorchester, Chas. J. Drmond, John P. Gillett, T. Edward Hodgkin, Alfred Holmes, and H. M. Wallis.

Women as Lawyers.

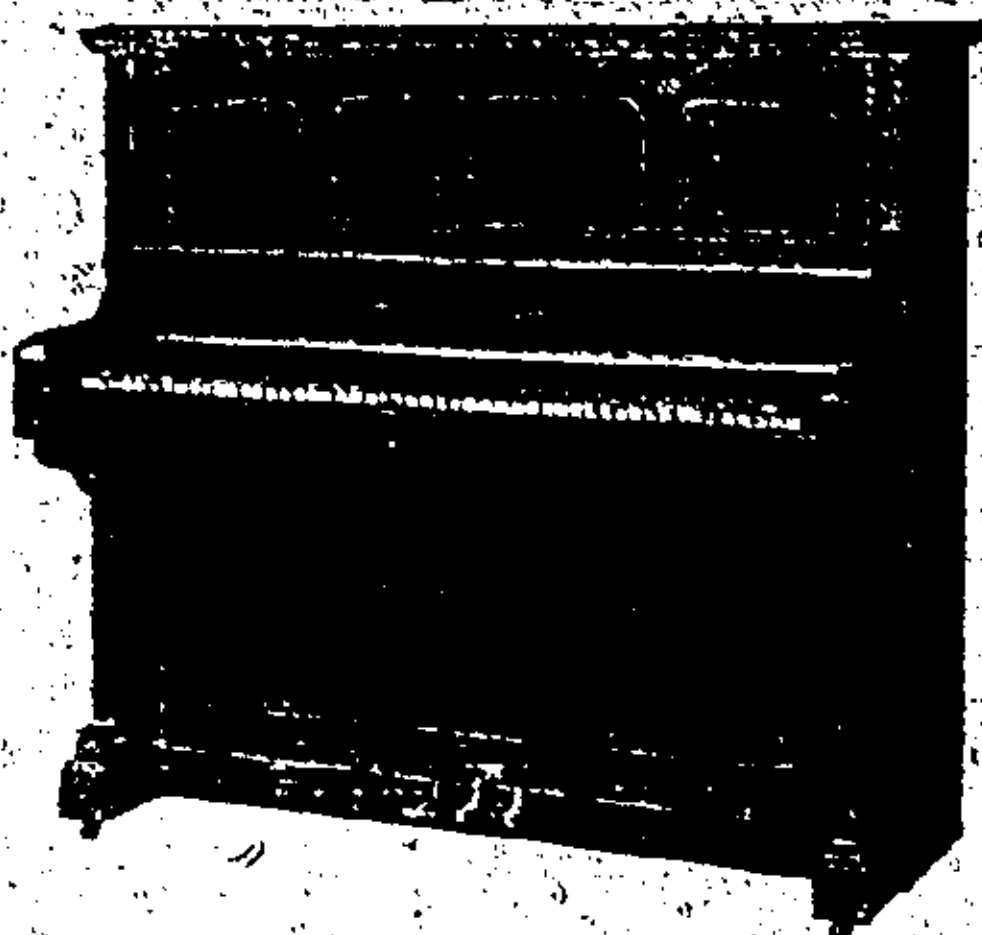
Speaking at the Treaders recently, Lady Mackworth pointed out that though there was a sufficient amount, but not too much, of unskilled labour to meet the demand, there was a serious difficulty of obtaining educated and skilled labour. If women would make up their minds to move and follow the work instead of expecting the work to come to them, they would be fulfilling a national need. Miss Helen Normanton, in speaking of the legal profession for women, said the way to open this profession to women was a short and simple one now that women were enfranchised. "When you are called upon to exercise your vote at the next election, if your candidate is a lawyer, ask him how he dare ask for your vote if his profession is not open to women. Don't have him!" There was a big field, added the speaker, for the woman lawyer in all questions respecting guardianship of children and divorce, and, now that women were engaged so largely in industrial work, in the large number of cases which would arise during the next few years under the Workmen's Compensation Act.

Extraordinary Incident at Japanese Barracks.

A very unfortunate affair is reported from Katsuta, Fukuoka Prefecture. About 30 soldiers in one of the barracks there were ordered to see that all communications addressed to them bore the number of the company to which they belonged and other particulars. It seems, however, that this order was not carried out, and a number of postcards had been delivered which did not bear the particulars required. By way of punishment, it is reported, the military authorities held back delivery of the cards. This made the soldiers indignant, and they apparently used strong language to express their grievances. According to the Matsushita, about 70 soldiers, housed in an adjoining building, thought their comrades had broken out into mutiny, and armed with fixed bayonets they rushed into the barracks. Intrusion made the already agitated soldiers still more indignant, and it is said a regular fight ensued between the two groups of soldiers. In the course of this three men were seriously and eleven others slightly injured. When the incident occurred is not stated, but it is added that a court-martial is now inquiring into the affair.

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A Futile Search.

It is understood that the Dutch Government has decided to take no further steps to discover the wreck of the Koningin Regentes. The history of the search for this

vessel presents some interesting features. Some days necessarily elapsed before the tug Zeland set out to search for the torpedoed vessel, and it was not long before she had to return owing to defective wireless. About this time the Germans revoked the Zeland's safe conduct, and she was obliged to wait until another safe conduct was granted. Rough weather came on and the Germans then re-granted the safe conduct, but the Zeland's expedition was necessarily further postponed until calm weather returned. The Zeland ultimately left port on June 29, the Koningin Regentes having been sunk 23 days before, and, although the search was prosecuted under the most favourable conditions, no traces of the vessel could be found. The question of instituting a further search by sweeping operations was considered, but abandoned on the ground that they were extremely unlikely to prove successful.

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A HEALTHY WAR BUDGET.

There will, we think, be general agreement that the Budget speech delivered by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council reflects a most gratifying state of affairs. It shows that, despite the war, the financial condition of the Colony is decidedly sound, for, if expectations are realised, the coming year should close with a balance of revenue over expenditure amounting to well over two million dollars, which, added to the estimated balance at the end of the current year, will leave a sum of \$6,800,000. The present year has been more fruitful in revenue than was expected, and it is estimated that by the time it closes a record total of over seventeen million dollars will have been secured. Expenditure has also exceeded the original prediction, but it is anticipated that when December 31st arrives the Treasury will be well over four and a half million dollars to the good. This is distinctly healthy, while the gratifying feature about the coming twelve months is that, notwithstanding certain very heavy items of expenditure in contemplation, we shall be able to more than pay our way without tapping any new sources of revenue beyond the proposed salt control scheme, particulars of which are not yet available. Those in charge of the Colony's finances are to be congratulated on such a satisfactory arrangement of our revenue and expenditure.

The greater part of His Excellency's speech was taken up with explanations of the manner in which the revenues of the Colony are to be utilised in the coming year. The programme laid down appears on the whole to have been well thought out and to meet the needs of the time. The biggest increase provided for is in Public Works Extraordinary, under which heading we have a sum of over two and half million dollars earmarked, this being largely in excess of any similar vote in past years. At first sight it might seem strange that the Government should branch out on such heavy expenditure during war-time; but we think His Excellency's explanation adequately meets any likely criticism in this connection. The Government, he says, have no option in the matter, for the growth of the population has more than kept pace with the building activity of the last six years, and thus it becomes imperative that new areas should be opened up both on the island and the peninsula for the erection of all classes of domestic buildings. Had that fact been realised before, the probability is that the present very acute housing problem would never have arisen. The new road contemplated over Wongneichong Valley and eventually through the Gap to the southern side of the island will no doubt prove of much value in this connection, as also will the projected branch from this new thoroughfare, crossing Bowen Road and extending to the neighbourhood of Wanchai Gap. The commencement of the big scheme of main roads on the peninsula is also opportune, though only the most urgent works will be carried out at present. These are all steps in the right direction, though it will necessarily be some very considerable time before these developments can effect the present situation, which intensifies in gravity rather than otherwise. There is a great need for modern residences in accessible areas for small European families, and the steps that the Government are taking to open up new sites are most welcome. The provision of water supplies, as urged by Mr. Bird, the erection of suitable houses at inexpensive rentals; and the arrangement of satisfactory means of communication with the new areas should materially help to relieve matters in the future.

There are many other aspects of the speech which are deserving of comment, but we will content ourselves here with a reference to only a few of the subjects raised. We are especially gratified to note the progressive policy which the Government is following in regard to the development of the New Territories by the extension and improvement of roads and also by encouraging the inhabitants in afforestation. If properly developed, we believe there is a great future for this part of the peninsula which will conduce to the happiness and contentment of the people and the general well being of the Colony. As regards the Kowloon-Canton Railway, the Government is finding this an expensive undertaking. It is inevitable that the upkeep should prove heavy, and we do not doubt that the line is being well managed. All the same, with His Excellency, we should much like to see a better return for the huge capital expenditure on this, one of the most expensively constructed pieces of railway to be found anywhere. The linking up of Canton and Hankow would greatly help in this regard. We are glad to see that more money is to be provided for education, though we are by no means satisfied that the Colony gets full value for what it spends under this head. Despite what is said to the contrary, no adequate secondary educational facilities for European children at present exist. On this subject of education we may have more to say in the near future. Taken on the whole, however, the Budget speech reveals a healthy present and promises a hopeful future. In these days of stress and trial the Colony is fortunate in being able to show such a satisfactory statement of assets and liabilities.

Hongkong's Part.

Hongkong's war effort, as disclosed by H. E. the Officer Administering the Government at yesterday's Council meeting, is one of which the Colony need not be in any way ashamed. On the financial side it will be admitted that Hongkong has done extremely well. Through British Banks a sum of well over eight millions sterling has been invested in War Loans; the Government has given to the Empire for war purposes over six millions in dollars and more than half a million in sterling; more than two million Straits dollars have been secured by the War Savings Association; while very many thousands of pounds have been remitted to war funds as a result of local celebrations. Besides all this, there has been an almost inconceivable amount of self-denying work done by the ladies' working parties in supplying war comforts; while, last but not least, the Colony has sent close on six hundred men to the Front for a settlement of the six of Hongkong and with such a relatively small white population, these achievements do it distinct credit. The Chinese, Portuguese and other communities have also had no small share in several of these phases of war activity, and what they have done is greatly appreciated. Hongkong has done well, but what is even more to the point, it intends doing better still in the future.

A Wise Step.

Among the minor matters mentioned in yesterday's Budget speech was the reassuring announcement that the Police Stations on Lantau and at Cheung Chau are to be brought into telephonic communication presumably with the Central Station here. The matter appears to have been under consideration for some time, and though there may be other and more modern means of dealing with it, we do not doubt that the new arrangement contemplated will prove of the utmost utility. The need of such a step was emphasised long before the regrettable Tai O tragedy and the question should have been dealt with much ere this. Apart from the value of rapid communication with outlying stations in cases of a tragic nature, the utility thereof in connection with the ordinary work of the Police is obvious. We trust that the arrangements will be put into force without delay.

Bulgaria and Turkey.

In the history of wars it has often happened that the victor has had a certain admiration for his fallen enemy, but Bulgaria, we consider, is an outstanding example where this is impossible. No sooner has she surrendered unconditionally to the Entente, than she offers herself to fight against her recently, Turkey. Germany has not fought cleanly, but she has carried on the war fiercely and stubbornly, and the same may be said in a less degree regarding Austria. The Turk has not only put up a good fight, but he has played the game, as our men who have fought at Gallipoli and Mesopotamia can testify. But Bulgaria has always shown herself a turncoat and this is the latest proof. Of course, it may be admitted that we are not in a position to judge, so we will give the Bulgars the benefit of the doubt. It must be remembered that Turkey is the hereditary enemy of the Bulgars, and immediately they have cast off the shackles of Germany and her minion, King Ferdinand, they are itching once more to strike a blow at Turkey. We have given what we consider are both points of view, and it will be interesting to watch the official attitude of the Allies in this connection. It may be necessary to keep the Balgar forces engaged militarily, as it seems that extreme Bolshevism is the order of the day in the country, but it would be advisable to let them fight only in co-operation with the Allies.

U.S. Steel Output.

According to an announcement issued by the U.S. War Industries Board, the estimated output of steel in the United States from September to January next amounts to 17,000,000 tons, while the total demand is estimated at over 23,000,000 tons.

DAY BY DAY.

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To-morrow's Anniversary.

To-morrow is the third anniversary of the Allied landing at Salonica.

The Dollar.

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The Colony's Health.

During yesterday there was a non-fatal case of enteric fever, the sufferer being a Britisher.

Typhoon Warning.

The following telegram was received by the American Consulate General, Hongkong, from the Manila Observatory at 11 a.m. to-day:—Typhoon in about 122 degrees Long. E. and 23 degrees Lat. N., moving N.W.

Appeal Tribunal.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government in Council is to sit at 9.30 a.m. on Thursday, the 10th inst., to hear an appeal by the International Banking Corporation against the enrolment of Mr. D. Ritchie.

Traffic Prosecutions.

Several ricksha pullers and chair bearers were charged at the Police Court this morning, before Mr. J. R. Wood, with breaches of the traffic regulations, such as being improperly dressed, rushing at passengers and soliciting fares. His Worship imposed fines ranging from \$2 to \$5. Inspector Garrod prosecuted in all the cases.

No Duty Paid.

A Chinese was charged at the Police Court this morning, before Mr. J. R. Wood, with trying to import about 3,000 cigarettes without paying duty. Revenue Officer Bridger said that this was getting very prevalent. The defendant was arrested as he was coming off the s.s. Hoi Sang. The Chinese passengers would stay till about 10 a.m. and watch, for they knew there would be no searches then. When no searches were present they would try to get away. The duty on those cigarettes was \$6.40. His Worship imposed a fine of \$100, or three months' hard labour.

Benefit of the Doubt.

A Chinese was charged at the Police Court this morning, before Mr. J. R. Wood, with the larceny of twelve Whitworth taps. Sergeant Moss prosecuted and Mr. A. E. Hall defended. An Indian watchman gave evidence to the effect that he saw the defendant carrying the things out of the Dock, going to a launch, when he arrested him. A storekeeper said that he gave the defendant only nine of these taps. He did not know who the defendant wanted them for, but he issued it on the strength of a badge produced by the defendant. After further evidence, His Worship said that there was a doubt as to whether defendant intended to steal the taps. He would be discharged.

ROSARY CHURCH.

A Kowloon Catholic Festival.

The Feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary is to be celebrated at the Rosary Church, Kowloon, Seat of the Confraternity of the Holy Rosary, on Sunday, the 6th inst., at the morning service, the following Masses will be said:—First Mass at 8.30 a.m.; Second Mass at 7 a.m.; Third Mass at 8 a.m.; Pontifical High Mass at 9 a.m. At 4.45 p.m. there will be a Recitation of the Rosary, procession, sermon and Benediction.

The order of the procession will be as follows:—The Banner of our Lady, girls carrying flowers, the Chinese Catholic Association Band, St. Joseph's Apostleship of Prayer, St. Joseph's Confraternity, Blessed Sacrament Confraternity, Bearers of the Mysteries of the Holy Rosary, the Children of Mary, girls carrying flowers, the Clergy, the Statue of Our Lady, Police Reserve Guard of Honour, the Bishop, the Consuls and the Knights, Ladies Apostleship of Prayer, the Police Reserve Band, the Faithful.

ROBBIE'S LETTERS: V.

To His Nephew in France.

Hongkong, 3rd Oct. 1918.

Dear Alice,

You'll mind that some time ago I spoke about the need for nurses from here for Shanghai. Well, I see from a Shanghai paper that word has been received there that Hongkong can supply twelve of them, but whether they are to be V.A.D.s (which doesn't mean voluntary and delightful, as some folks seem to think) or Military sisters, was not mentioned. That some can be spared, from whatever the source, is, as the newspapers would say, a cause for congratulation. Another thing that we might be thankful for is that the Shanghai papers are still "allowed" into the Colony or else we wouldn't hear any news of what's going on here. But on the other hand, the Hongkong Editor that gets a bunch of Shanghai papers to cut has to have his wife whittled down to a fine point, so to speak, or he'd be landed in jail one of these mornings. Ye see the Shanghai Censor, if there's one at all, doesn't get a nervous chill and take to his bed if he sees the name of a warship in the middle of a small paragraph describing the scenery on the river; and mind ye the place is fair crawling with Germans. Shanghai takes a big risk too for I've often wondered how the war's not been lost times and again through a bit of valuable news getting into the hands of enemy subjects. Aye, as I was saying, to be a successful Editor in Hongkong nowadays second sight is just as essential as colours and paste, and unless he practises the Morse Code with a blue pencil on the Shanghai clippings, he'll get a bad name. But a' the same I think I'll subscribe to a Shanghai paper for they're a fair congested with information.

Speaking about Shanghai reminds me that the American Red Cross here are sending up parcels of old warm clothing for the Siberian refugees this coming winter. Though this scheme will spoil the chances of a lot of amahs and cockboys from making a bit extra quetzal, I think the idea's a sensible one besides being a seasonable change from making mosquito nets and milk jug covers. Macpherson's wife was saying that it would be a fine chance to get rid of Mao's black coat that he got married in. I've said regarded Macpherson's frock coat in the same light as a scientific truth which exists but is irrespective of time or place. But he wouldn't hear tell of parting with it, which maybe was just as well, for there's been enough frightfulness in Russia without Macpherson's old green frock coat and tile hat going up there to make things worse. The Siberians will be hungry and cold enough without getting their feelings hurt into the bargain.

In your last chit ye mentioned about the tea and sugar Janet has been sending Aunt Jessie. Well, that's a' been put a stop to, tea at onyrate, for no more can now be sent through the Post Office. The August lot was the last but no I believe without a fight on the part of the authorities here which is a' to their credit. This awful war's had a terrible effect on the civil service intellect at home and like a lot of old guns it'll have to be rifled afresh before the war's finished, otherwise there'll need to be a special clearing dump for that kind of rubbish when the boys go home. Anyway it was a particularly smooth bored kind of brain that wrote his name below "your obedient servant" on the final order that stopped the camshaws and anger. I was real mad when I heard about it first, and I've only thought of two things since, that I forgot to say about the prize lot that started a' the trouble. The worst thing I now wish him is that he'll have injuries for a month; I believe I aye settles on the weakest spot. Maybe he thought that Aunt Jessie was going to set up a grocer's shop with the supplies that was sent from here. I would have thought that the office would have been glad of the chance of getting a little extra into the country at this time, but

may be on the other hand the Tea Controller thought he couldn't get his returns right if he continued to allow the few pounds of Hongkong Tea to be distributed in cuncea all over the And Country. I'm surprised myself that there hasn't been a Royal Commission appointed to go into this grave scandal. Oanyway, the Post Office here, I understand, did their best, and I'll have to credit them with that the next time the postman takes a day to deliver a letter to West Point. But between ourselves I don't wonder very much at that, for, mind ye, putting a coolie into uniform doesn't change his spots, so to speak, and the market price of brains is aye regulated by a sliding scale among postmen, no matter what the price of rice may be.

Talking about the Post Office reminds me that I was in there the other day for the first time, I believe, since it was built and I see that they've got copies nicely framed and hung up in a prominent place of some of the infamous German orders to the folks in captured France and Belgium. When this war's finished there's sure to be a lot of talk about war memorials and that sort of thing in the Colony, but to my mind these framed Hun orders to the people of an over-run country will serve as the best memorial we could have to perpetuate the dastardly memory of an ill-doing people. Our span here is not long but I hope I'll never live to see the day the Germans land here again, but if that day ever comes I can only hope, on the other hand, that if ever I'm tempted to become friendly with them, these framed infamous orders will still be at the Post Office where I can go and look at them and feel properly ashamed at the very idea.

Ye'll no guess the latest if ye got a thousand years to do it in. Hongkong has now got a lady Sanitary Inspector and I'm sure she's going to be a success. Of course the women folks are on the look out for a quint at her uniform but that's a mere detail and they're only jealous onyway. With two lady doctors on the Sanitary Staff now to guide them, it's a great pity that we haven't more lady inspectors, and a few lady policemen in this town wouldn't be amiss either. Oanyway, it's a good sign, for there's still a few women here whose thoughts don't rise much beyond tennis, afternoon tea and the weekly visit to the tailor.

Aye, your Aunt's very anxious to get home again for a holiday; no so much for the fresh air, as I tell her, as to have the chance to show off some of the camshaw jewellery she's been collecting. As for myself, I'm willing to wait a bit yet, for I've a great notion of seeing France the next time I go home. Since the war, I've learnt a lot of the geography of that country that I often think it would be a pity to waste it. But I'm thinking it'll be some time yet before I'm able to do the round trip of the Somme district. Macpherson here, who, by the way, wishes to be remembered very kindly to you, thinks it's soft to be always taking holidays, but I think that the man who says boasts of being out here for twenty years without a holiday has his brain where his brain should be; he has no imagination, I say, and ye may as well be a Dairy Farm prize cow and be done with it. No, Alice, a blade can wear too sharp as well as rust, and a man must flee the crowd if on'y to find his place in it. A touch of nature heals our work-a-day astigmation, so to speak. But by jings what a rush there'll be at the shipping offices when this awful war's done. I've made my post-war preparations, though; and I've warned Janet that she'll need to try and get her hate into a collapsible box; and no onyary gres will us this time. Janet says the camphorwood box will have to do, for last trip it collapsed fine.

Yours truly

ROBT. MACWHIRTER.

War Demand and Supply. "We'll shipments of steel products to the more important of the war activities," writes the Iron Age, "have been at a very heavy rate, it is not admitted in any quarter that there are any prospects of any of these activities being oversupplied."

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The proposed luxury tax on ladies' clothes would not yield much if the dress allowances of all classes were in proportion to those of some of the greatest dames in the land a century ago. Lady Dorothy Nevill records that when she "came out" her father allowed her only \$45 a year for personal expenses. Her mother spent \$300 a year on dress and personal expenses, and that sum was then considered "very ample" even for the wife of a rich peer.

Walter Sheppard, aged 15, wanted to join the United States marines. But, alas! he was several pounds too light. "Bananas will increase your weight," the disappointed boy was told. The fruiterer became interested and supplied Walter with the products of Jamaica and Canary at special rates, while friends held banana parties for the young patriot. A little later our hero presented himself once more at the recruiting station. He was accepted. "I'm off bananas for life," the young recruit told a pressman. "If the skins of all I've eaten were placed end to end, you could slip clean round the world."

Many changes in the affairs of our everyday life due to the war have stolen on us almost imperceptibly, says a Home paper. But careful newspaper readers will have noticed the arrival of a new fashion in headlines. The once common word "alleged" has vanished. The method nowadays is to put the doubtful news as a categorical statement, followed by a mark of interrogation. Thus we read, "Lansky Resigns?" It is a method which has its dangers, since even well-educated people are often far from careful, as their letters show. To insert the "crooked little thing that asks questions," and may be expected to be equally careless in observing its presence in print. They are therefore likely to repeat as assured fact what has been imparted to them as possibly pure fancy. But perhaps they did the same thing in the old days?

It is like German audacity to claim Lord Dunsford's "secret plan" as a precedent for the use of poison gas, whereas, as everyone knows, the scheme was banned by successive British Governments on the ground of its "inhumanity." Invented in 1811, it was still considered effective in 1860, and, for all we know to the contrary, may be so still. There is little doubt that it depended upon some spy-magazine agent. Lord Dunsford was always haunted by the fear that the plan might fall into the hands of some foreign enemy and be used against us. And, although not treated well by his own country, he resisted the temptation to use it where he accepted command of the Oblique Navy in 1817, and, indeed, gave a pledge to the Prince Regent that he would never use the plan for any other country than his own.

F. S., "almost entirely destroyed" by a fire attributed to German incendiaries, could hardly be considered a serious aesthetic loss, though two of the numerous mosques are gas specimens of Moslem architecture. It is ill-built, with narrow, filthy streets, and no sanitary arrangements except what may be provided by the kites, which are the public scavengers. Formerly F. S. was famous for manufacturing the soap which became almost a symbol of Mohammedanism; but these are now made mainly in Balkan towns and in Asia Minor. It has also long ceased to possess a monopoly of morocco leather, the art of preparing which was brought to this city by Cordovan refugees from Spain. According to Mr. Bridget Mackin (one of the few Britons permitted to visit this forbidden city) F. S. would be an ideal, happy hunting ground for Sooty-bellies. The city being divided by doors into a "number of small sections, the way to get about after evening prayer is from roof to roof, so that nocturnal crimes in any district are easily detected, and the number of criminals very diminished."

THE BIG OPIUM CASE.

Protest Against a Government Vote.

At a meeting of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council yesterday, there was an Unofficial protest against the item of \$151,039.70 representing the costs incurred by the Government owing to their intervention in an action originally commenced by the Official Receiver under the Companies Ordinance, i.e., Original Jurisdiction Action No. 61 of 1914.

The Hon. Mr. A.G.M. Fletcher, presiding, said the vote had already been explained by H.E. the officer administering the Government.

Hon. Mr. Landale:—Was all this amount applied to that one case?

The Chairman:—Yes, the whole of it, and I will add that there is a sum of \$830 45 which I will ask leave to add to this minute in respect of the costs of the criminal proceedings, which I think were taxed only this morning.

Hon. Mr. Landale:—But before incurring so large an expenditure would it not have been possible to lay the matter before the Council?

The Chairman:—It was hardly realised I think that the expenditure would come to anything like this sum. It was, as you know, a very long case, and the Government did not anticipate that it would intervene. When the shareholder putting up the money ran out of funds it was anticipated that the remainder would be very short, and we were advised that the prospects of success were considerable.

The Hon. Colonial Treasurer:—The difficulty in connection with bringing it before the Council would have been that the Council could not have properly discussed the case while it was still going on.

Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak:—Was the Government aware that the Official Receiver had brought this action?

The Chairman:—No, they were not at first. The Official Receiver, was an officer recently appointed, and he has a large discretion in the matter. The ordinary rule is that the Official Receiver does not bring an action in his own name unless the funds are ample to cover him. Of course when he began this action he had a very large sum of money and he very reasonably expected that the sum would cover any possible costs.

Hon. Mr. Holyoak:—H. E. the Officer Administering the Government referred to a very large sum of money which had already been spent. Can you tell us what that amount of money was?

The Chairman:—I think the shareholder spent out of his own pocket about \$125,000.

Hon. Mr. Holyoak:—Don't you think that at that time the matter might have been brought before the Council before embarking on a further outlay?

The Chairman:—As the Treasurer says, it was rather a difficult matter to discuss in Council. It was a very urgent matter, the action was going on from day to day, and as His Excellency pointed out, the Government did not come into this action except at the wish of the Court. The Government began criminal proceedings. If the Government had known that they were going to take up this action they would very probably have looked at the question of money, but of course to institute criminal proceedings there would be no question of cost.

Hon. Mr. Holyoak:—What safeguard is there against a similar thing happening?

The Chairman:—I think this is a peculiar case and is not likely to happen again.

Hon. Mr. Landale:—Cannot a vote of Council be taken, seeing that a large sum of money is involved?

The Chairman:—Yes, that can be done, certainly.

Hon. Mr. Landale:—I think a protest against the expenditure of so large a sum of money without reference to the Legislative Council a vote should be taken.

The Chairman:—I might point out that the Government felt itself driven to take proceedings on the evidence put before it and they decided that the proper course was to take criminal proceedings. They had no option

V. R. C. SPORTS.

The First Day's Results.

Yesterday was the first day of the Victoria Recreation Club's annual aquatic sports. There was a fairly good crowd of interested spectators. The star event of the day was 440 yards Championship, which however, attracted only three starters. At the start Logan was easily leading the rest. He kept this lead, gradually increasing it at every turn. Marcel gave up the race at the fourteenth length, so the only competitors remaining were Logan and Barros. Barros, in spite of being tired, kept pluckily up and succeeded in finishing. The distance separating him and Logan was a length and a half. Both came in for a loud cheering. The results were as follows:—

Two Lengths Handicap (hurdles)—First heat: 1. A. J. V. Ribeiro (secs. 7 secs.); 2. J. Stewart (secs. 2 secs.). Second heat: 1. A. Logan (secs.); 2. J. E. Soares (secs. 4 secs.).

Two Lengths Handicap (No. 1)—First heat: 1. O. M. S. Soares (secs. 38 secs.); 2. A. O. R. Silvio (secs. 22 secs.). Winner's time 67 4/5 secs.

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Two Lengths Handicap (Girl).—1. Rosebud Young; 2. Ruby Young. Time 61 secs.

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but to take them and they took those proceedings and asked the Court to stay the civil proceedings. The matter went before the Full Court, which expressed a very strong opinion against the criminal proceedings; and they were not prepared to stay the civil proceedings. The Government felt that they were bound to follow the wishes of the Court and so take what was the only course open to them.

Hon. Mr. Landale:—I am not questioning the decision of the Government. What I object to is the expenditure of public funds without reference to the Legislative Council. The only way to register a protest against it is to vote against it.

On a vote being taken the item was approved by seven votes to four, the two Chinese members voting with the Government.

WAR COMFORTS.

City Hall Work Party.

During the month of September the City Hall Work Party packed the following:—15 mosquito nets, 6 dressing gowns, 13 small pillows, 3 reversible bed-jackets, 5 pairs slippers, 3 milk covers, 13 belts, 1 pair operation stockings, 3 bed-jackets, 31 clean handkerchiefs, 9 scarabbers, 68 suits pyjamas, 80 shirts, 37 vests, and 9 comfort bags which were kindly given by Mrs. Barnett.

The Mothers' Union Work Party contributed the following:—14 vests, 7 shirts, 8 pyjamas, 4 swabs, 8 pairs knee-caps, 5 pairs socks, 3 helmets, 3 bed-jackets. Two cases were packed and sent to Vladivostok, and there are four further cases packed ready to be forwarded when required, also articles packed by the Wool Department.

We acknowledge with many thanks the kind gifts of 25 boxes of bar soap from Messrs. W. G. Humphreys & Co., and two cases of toilet soap and samples from Messrs. Harry Wicking & Co., to be given as presents for the troops.

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The members of the annual Congress of the South-Eastern Union of Scientific Societies recently visited the premises of Messrs. Sieke, Gorman, and Co. for an inspection of the diving and mines rescue apparatus, under the guidance of Dr. J. S. Haldane and Dr. W. Martin, the president. The party enjoyed the sensations of "trips to the skies" in a chamber in which the conditions at various heights to 20,000 feet were reproduced, in which many of our flying men cultivate their "air legs."

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SINGAPORE LINE.—The s.s. "YAR WARRICK" leaves for Singapore approximately every fortnight. This vessel has excellent accommodation for first class passengers, and is fitted throughout with Electric Light and Fans and also carries a fully qualified surgeon.

SHANGHAI LINE.—Sailings approximately every five days between Canton and Shanghai, sometimes calling at Swatow. Steamers on this line have a limited amount of passenger accommodation, and through tickets can be obtained for Northern and Yangtze Ports via Shanghai, through Bills of Lading are issued to all Northern and Yangtze Ports.

MANILA LINE.—A weekly service is maintained with Manila by vessels with good passenger accommodation, sailings from both ports every 7 days.

HAIPHONG LINE.—Sailings approximately weekly for passengers and cargo, calling at Haiphong when no other calls.

BORNEO LINE.—One sailing per month between Hongkong and Sandakan by a steamer having ample accommodation for passengers.

Cargo taken on through Bills of Lading for Kadat, Jesselton, Labuan, Tawau and Labud Dato.

TIENTSIN LINE.—A regular service is run from March to October between Hongkong and Tientsin calling at Weihaiwei and Chefoo.

Under Straits Government Passport Regulations.

All European Passengers, leaving the Colony for Straits Settlement, are required to produce on arrival at destination passports with their Photographs and description affixed thereto.

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SHIPPING-NEWS.

German Shipping Appointment.

The German Government proposes to appoint the Hamburg shipowner, Herr Richard C. Krogmann, to the post of Imperial Commissioner for the distribution of German tonnage.

Service in U.S. Ships.

Replying to Mr. Stewart, who asked if obstacles are put in the way of British shipmasters or officers of the mercantile marine obtaining passports with a view to accepting positions on board vessels under the American flag for the duration of the war. Sir Leo Chiozza Money writes:—It is a fact that passports have been refused to a small number of officers of the British Mercantile Marine who desired to proceed to America for the purpose of obtaining employment in American ships. The decision to refuse such passports was reached in view of a statement by the American Government to the effect that they would not call upon British officers and engineers for service in American ships. It would be understood that with the prospective increase of British tonnage it is very undesirable that experienced British officers should leave this country, even to assist our Allies, if the latter are able to provide their own officers, as we are assured is the case.

Information for Shippers.

Shippers of merchandise have recently experienced difficulty in getting in touch promptly with steamship lines to which vessels have been allocated, and which are loading for different ports, as vessels have been assigned to agents who formerly did not handle trade to the different parts of the world in which they are now interested. This made it necessary for shippers to be constantly on the lookout for information as to vessels which were loading for different foreign ports. A plan had been worked out whereby only members of the Produce Exchange had access to this information. As a result of the efforts of the Merchants' Association, the Shipping Control Committee has announced that, in addition to the posting of the information in the Produce Exchange, the announcements will also be made in the Maritime Exchange, and will appear in the columns of the Journal of Commerce. This will enable shippers generally to get promptly in touch with steamship agents to which vessels have been allocated and are loading for foreign ports. —New York "Evening Post."

New Freight Classification.

Proposed changes in the classifications of freight rates in both carload and less than carload lots were opposed recently by manufacturers and shippers representing concerns outside of New York, at the hearing before C. J. Colquitt, examiner of the Interstate Commerce Commission at 244 Madison Avenue. The principle contention was that under such reclassification, the general increase of 75 per cent. in all classified and commodity rates as ordered tentatively by the Commission, would, in effect, result in a much greater increase because, with the raising of classifications, the rates would be automatically increased, in addition to the 25 per cent. increase. With an increase in all rates, most of the concerns said they would find it difficult to continue in business. George Kain, traffic manager of the Hershey Confectionery Company, of Hershey, Pa., asked the reason for the reclassification of candies and other confectionery. His concern, he said, made only milk chocolate and by-products of chocolate, which had, he said, been under the same general classification for twenty years. He could see no reason, especially with an increase in taxation, why the rating should be changed. He called attention to the fact that the candy business had been penalized by the Food Administration, probably more heavily than any other industry. The limitation of sugar had caused a heavy falling off in production because sugar was the base of all the products of the trade. His concern he said, had been forced to raise prices 25 per cent. without any increase in freight rates. If the class fiction were raised and the production limited by sugar shortage, the trade would find it difficult to meet overhead, labour, and other charges, and realise any profit. For the next six months, he said, they must operate on a 50 per cent. loss of their sugar capacity. This would make it a serious problem for them to make ends meet. He also said that the confectionery, popcorn, and other shippers' goods should be in the same class as the highest.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from page 1.)
AN AUSTRIAN DODGE.

London, Oct. 2.
The Press Bureau announces: A Serbian semi-official message states that the news of the rising of the Serbians, Croats and Slovenes should be received with great reserve, as it is feared that the Austro-Hungarians are inducing the police to excite peaceful inhabitants in order to furnish a pretext to confiscate their property and imprison them in Austria-Hungary.

THE SURRENDER OF BULGARIA.



From the above map it will be seen how, in consequence of Bulgaria's surrender, Turkey is cut off from her Allies.

THE TRIBUNAL.

This Afternoon's Cases.

The Military Service Tribunal met again this afternoon.

An Insurance Case.

In the case of Mr. F. A. Dumbarton, Commercial Union Assurance Co., the Chairman (Sir W. Rees Davies) said it was stated when he was before the Tribunal on the last occasion that he was in charge of the Hong Kong office. It was also stated that the business was in the interests of the Colony. In a long communication which had been received it was stated that a satisfactory substitute could not be found in Hongkong because insurance required expert knowledge. The Tribunal understood that Mr. Trenchard Davis and Mr. Arnold from Shanghai could not take over the business here. From a letter which had been received from Mr. Trenchard Davis it was stated that the insurance business was in the interests of the Empire and Colony, and Mr. Dumbarton was the only man engaged in insurance work in Hongkong who had not been exempted. Mr. Davis stated that he had telegraphed home for a substitute but he received a reply stating that it was impossible to send another man out. The head office advised the appeal and pointed out that insurance business was of national importance.

Mr. Trenchard Davis, who was present, said if he was a fit man Mr. Dumbarton could go. In answer to a question put by the Chairman, Mr. Davis stated that he had interviewed Mr. Tester who formerly managed the business here, but he refused to do it, saying he could not do the work as well as his own. He offered to attend their office before 10.30 in the morning and after 6 o'clock in the evening, but their business could not be carried on like that. Major Morgan said he did not object to exemption until Mr. Davis came.

The Tribunal granted a further six months' exemption.

Mr. J. D. Birrell.

In the case of Mr. J. D. Birrell, of Gerin, Drevard and Co., the Chairman said the Tribunal understood he was granted temporary exemption for him to make arrangements. He was the only British subject in the firm of Messrs. Gerin, Drevard and Co. A letter which the Tribunal had pointed out that he had charge of the whole engineering business of the firm. A further letter stated that the firm had tried to get a substitute but without success. The Company pointed out that a large contract had been entered into with the Dairy Farm Ice and Cold

Storage Company. The firm pointed out that if Mr. Birrell were taken it would not be able to carry out its obligations.

In answer to the Chairman, Mr. Birrell stated that he was manager of the whole office in Hongkong.

The Chairman:—I understand from your form you have no personal desire to go on war service?—No, sir, I have not. Major Morgan claimed non-exemption.

In reply to Col. Passby, Mr. Birrell said that as regarded the erection of the plant at the electric works, he would not be responsible but he would be responsible to see that it worked properly.

The decision of the Tribunal was that no further exemption be granted.

Mr. Birrell gave notice of appeal.

Total Exemption.

The next case considered was that of Mr. E. V. Mitchellmore of Messrs. Whitesway Laidlaw & Co., The Chairman referred to a letter which had been received setting forth that the business had been received stating that the business was of essential to the Home authorities. A large number of the staffs were on active service. The letter further stated there was a reduction of 50 per cent. The company paid a large amount in taxes to the Imperial Exchequer.

Mr. Mitchellmore held that his position was similar to that of Mr. Mackintosh, who was recently exempted. There was no one to whom he could hand over the business. Even when Mr. Hidden did return he hardly thought the Company would invest him with power of Attorney if he (Mr. Mitchellmore) were taken.

Total exemption was granted.

A University Case.

In the case of Mr. F. M. H. Holmes, Hongkong University, the Chairman said that Mr. Holmes was lecturer on education and the Tribunal came to the conclusion there was nothing to discriminate between his position and that of the rest of his colleagues who had been exempted on Imperial grounds.

Mr. D. K. Moss.

Dealing with the case of Mr. D. K. Moss, of Alexander Ross and Co., the Chairman referred to a letter which had been received in which it was stated that the staff had been seriously depleted. It was also pointed out that the business was in the essential interests of the Colony.

Speaking on behalf of the firm, Mr. Moss said he was essential, but as regarded his personal feelings he was neutral.

Total exemption was granted.

The Tramway Company.

In the case of Mr. G. Henderson, of the Hongkong Tramway

A WANCHAI RAID.

Chinese in Possession of Revolvers.

Three Chinese were charged on command at the Police Court this afternoon, before Mr. E. D. O. Wolfe, with being concerned in an armed robbery at Wanchai. Sergeant Cockle prosecuted and in giving an outline of the case said that the three men were charged on three counts, with committing two robberies and with being in possession of arms. On September 5 an armed robbery took place at 42, Cross Street. Six days later, acting on information received, he (Sergeant Cockle) with an armed party went to No. 13, Keswick Street. On entering, the Police found the second defendant sitting on a bed and the third defendant was standing beside him. In his left hand he had a revolver and in his right hand a handkerchief. On being searched, six rounds of ammunition were found in his left pocket. The first defendant was arrested half an hour before the Police went to Keswick Street. Owing to the failure of identification, the Police were forced to withdraw the charge of armed robbery but they would charge them for being in unlawful possession of arms.

In reply to questions put by His Worship, Sergeant Cockle said that the revolver was not loaded. The Police were armed, as they knew with what persons they had to deal. The defendants had no chance to use the revolver, as there were a lot of detectives and their revolvers were in their hands.

A Chinese detective, in giving evidence, corroborated Sergeant Cockle's statements and said that he went to the house and saw the second defendant with a revolver. He immediately grabbed the revolver. He could not say whether it was loaded or not. A struggle ensued and then some of the Police party took the revolver out of the defendant's hand. At the station he saw that it was not loaded. He knew very well that the purpose of the Police in raiding the house was to arrest some persons who were concerned in the Wanchai armed robberies.

Sergeant Cockle and another Chinese constable also gave evidence.

The case is proceeding.

OVERCROWDED THEATRE.

Sequel to Confucius' Festival.

The manager of the Po Hing Theatre, Yau-mat, was summoned before Mr. E. D. O. Wolfe this morning with obstructing the gangways of the theatre.

Defendant maintained that the theatre had been let to the Confucius Association for dramatic performances and the responsibility was theirs.

Sergeant Grant stated that the gangways of the theatre were blocked up by over 200 seats and the Police took three quarters of an hour to clear the place.

His Worship said the case was a serious one. Hundreds of lives would be involved in case of an outbreak of fire. Defendant would be fined \$50, or two months' hard labour.

For the Wounded.

The American Red Cross has received from Queen Mary's Needlework Guild a large case of surgical dressings and bandages made by the Guild, which has been presented the American Red Cross to be forwarded to Siberia in connection with shipments now being made by the latter organization.

Co, the Chairman said the Tribunal understood that Mr. Henderson was a traffic inspector and his knowledge could only be gained by long experience.

Major Morgan claimed non-exemption.

No exemption was granted.

HONGKONG DEFENCE CORPS.

Administrative Orders issued to-day by Major H. A. Morgan, Administrative Commandant, state:—

Strength.

No. 992 Sapper W. V. Doherty was enrolled on 28.9.18 and posted to Eng. Coy. No. 691 Spt. J. S. Johnston, Eng. Coy. and No. 802 Pte. P. A. Rees, Sig. Section, are permitted to resign, on leaving the Colony, to date from day of departure.

Promotions.

Engineer Company.—No. 111 Corp. A. Davidson to be Sergt. dated 26.9.18. No. 119 Corp. E. J. Surmen to be Sergt. dated 27.9.18. No. 125 2nd Corp. A. Stalker to be Corp. dated 26.9.18. No. 237 2nd Corp. J. Stewart to be Acting Corp. dated 27.9.18. No. 167 2nd Corp. G. Grot to be Acting Corp. dated 28.9.18. No. 253 Sapper B. B. Wood to be 2nd Corp. dated 26.9.18. No. 190 Sapper W. Lyle to be Acting Lance Corp. dated 26.9.18. No. 232 Sapper F. Soular to be Acting Lance Corp. dated 27.9.18. No. 193 Sapper D. McCrae to be Acting Lance Corp. dated 28.9.18. No. 135 Sapper D. A. G. Alison to be Acting Lance Corp. dated 29.9.18.

"D" Company.—No. 883 Sergt. W. Budge to be Company Sergt. Major dated 1.10.18. No. 864 Lee. Sergt. B. W. Grey to be Sergt. dated 1.10.18. No. 267 Corp. E. Duncan to be Sergt. dated 2.10.18. No. 774 Pte. D. K. Blair to be Sergt. dated 3.10.18. No. 898 Lee. Corp. W. F. Fincher to be Corp. dated 1.10.18. No. 887 Lee. Corp. W. Logan to be Corp. dated 2.10.18. No. 868 Lee. Corp. T. Neave to be Corporal dated 3.10.18. No. 889 Lee. Corp. T. Peirce to be Corporal dated 4.10.18.

Attached.

The following are attached to the Engineer Company for D.E.L. duties, from 10th October, 1918:—

"A" Company.—No. 320 Pte. Davidson, A.C. No. 313 Pte. Rose, W. No. 307 Pte. Fleming, T. G. No. 816 Pte. Harling, H. R. No. 326 Pte. North, R. A. C. No. 975 Pte. Sutherland, P. D.

"B" Company.—No. 535 Pte. Findlay Miller, J.

Transfer.

No. 756 Pte. R. E. O. Bird is transferred from the Mounted Section to "D" Company, dated 1.10.18.

Leave.

No. 213 Pte. B. Pasco, Eng. Coy., is granted leave for the duration of the war, to date from day of departure. Pte. E. A. Bam, "D" Coy., is granted 2 months' leave from 9.10.18. Pte. D. G. "B" Coy., is granted 6 weeks' leave from 9.11.18. Pte. N. D. Pallen, "A" Coy., is granted 4 months' extension of leave from 2.10.18.

Artillery Orders.

Orders for Artillery Company by Captain J. H. W. Armstrong, V.D. state:—Parades at Belshers Battery:—

Monday, 7th Oct.—5.30 p.m. Left Half Coy. Fall drill.

Tuesday, 8th Oct.—7.30 a.m. Right Half Coy. New Layers' Class only.

Thursday, 10th Oct.—5.30 p.m. Left Half Coy. New D. R. F. Class only.

Friday, 11th Oct.—7.30 a.m. Right Half Coy. Fall drill, 5.30 p.m. Left Half Coy. New Layers' Class only.

Engineer Orders.

Orders for Engineer Company by Captain F. W. James state:—4th to 11th October, 1918:—

D. E. L. duties:—Parades as per rosters posted at Headquarters. Engine Drivers at 5.45 p.m. Electricians at 6 p.m.

Officers next for duty:—Belshers, Lieut. Enll. Lyceum, Capt. James. Stonecutters, Lieut. Stevenson.

Instruction for higher ratings and N.C.O.s and men of the Infantry Battalion attached for duty:—Class 1, at 5.30 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays for all who have not passed the "Proficient" rate (17) examination. Class 2, at Belshers at 6.30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays for all N.C.O.s and men of higher rating:—under Staff Sergeants, Overseers and Parsons, R. E. Sergt. Day, B. E. D. C. Class 3, at

Lyceum at 6.30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays, under Q. M. S. White, and Staff Sergt. Barclay, R. E.

Infantry Orders.

Orders for Infantry Battalion by Major H. A. Morgan state:—

"A" COMPANY.

Tuesday, 8th Oct.—5.30 p.m. No. 2 Platoon on Polo Ground. Fall in at Cricket Club at 5.10 p.m. and proceed by tram to Causeway Bay. Fire Discipline training. Dress, Drill order with pouches and dummies.

Thursday, 10th Oct.—5.15 p.m. No. 4 Platoon at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course, Part 3, Practices 15 and 16. Dress, Drill order with pouches.

Friday, 11th Oct.—5.15 p.m. No. 3 Platoon at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course, Part 3, Practices 13, 14 and 19. Dress, Drill order with pouches. 5.30 p.m. No. 1 Platoon on Murray Parade Ground. Squad Drill. Dress, Drill order.

"B" COMPANY.

Monday, 7th Oct.—5.00 p.m. No. 5 Platoon, Nos. 1 and 2 Sections at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course, Part 1, Practices 1 and 2. Dress, Drill order with pouches.

Tuesday, 8th Oct.—5.30 p.m. No. 5 Platoon, the following will parade on the Cricket Ground to complete Fire Discipline Test:—Corp. Dowling, Lee. Opl. Annett, Ptes. W. E. Roberts, W. Sinclair, C. A. M. Smith and F. Allen. Dress, Drill order with pouches and dummies. 5.15 p.m. No. 8 Platoon (N.C.O.s and men as detailed by Platoon Commander) at Kowloon Docks, T.E.T.

Wednesday, 9th Oct.—5.00 p.m. No. 5 Platoon, Nos. 3 and 4 Sections, at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course, Part 1, Practices 1 and 2. Dress, Drill order with pouches. 5.15 p.m. No. 7 Platoon at Headquarters. Quarry Bay men will parade at 5.30 p.m. T.E.T. Dress, Drill order with pouches and dummies.

Thursday, 10th Oct.—5.15 p.m. No. 8 Platoon (N.C.O.s and men detailed by Platoon Commander) at Kowloon Docks, T.E.T.

Friday, 11th Oct.—5.15 p.m. No. 7 Platoon (as for Wednesday). MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

Tuesday, 8th Oct.—5.00 p.m. Nos. 2, 3, 4 and 5 gun teams at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course, Part 3, Practices 15 and 16. Dress, Drill order with pouches.

Friday, 11th Oct.—7.10 a.m. Beginners' Class at Headquarters. 5.00 p.m. No. 1 gun team at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course, Part 3, Practices 13, 14 and 19. Dress, Drill order with pouches.

MOUNTED SECTION.

Monday, 7th Oct.—5.30 p.m. At Jockey Club Stables. Dress, Drill order.

Thursday, 10th Oct.—5.30 p.m. At Jockey Club Stables. Dress, Drill order without rifles.

SIGNALLING SECTION.

Tuesday, 8th Oct.—5.30 p.m. At Headquarters. Dress, Drill order.

RECRUITS.

Monday, 7th and Friday, 11th Oct.—5.30 p.m. Recruits of all units except "D" Company, on Murray Parade Ground, under Sergt. Oxberry (Monday) and Edmonds (Friday). Dress, Drill Order.

Detail.

On duty 7th October, No. 2 Platoon (4); 8th October, No. 3 Platoon, Mounted Section and Signalling Section (4); 9th October, No. 4 Platoon (4); 9th October, M. Gun Company, (14); 10th October, No. 5 Platoon (4); 11th October, No. 6 Platoon (4); 12th October, No. 7 Platoon (4); 13th October, No. 8 Platoon (4); 13th October, No. 1 Platoon (14).

Orderly Officer for week ending 13th October, 2nd Lieut. F. H. Thomas. Next for duty, 2nd Lieut. E. Sutherland.

Cadet Orders.

Orders for Cadet Company by 2nd Lieut. J. E. W. Beard state:—

Strength.—Cadet Howell is permitted to resign, on leaving for England to date from day of departure.

Parades.—Monday, 7th Oct. 5.15 p.m. Nos. 1 and 2 Sections at Headquarters. 5.15 p.m. Band practice at Headquarters. Wednesday 9th Oct.—5.15 p.m. Nos. 3 and 4 Sections at Yau-mat Football Ground. 5.15 p.m. Band Practice at Headquarters.

DISHONEST MOTOR-BOAT BOY.

Theft of a European's Property.

A Chinese, employed by Mr. D. K. Moss, of Alex. Ross and Company, as engineer on board his private motor boat, was sentenced by Mr. E. D. O. Wolfe this morning to six weeks' hard labour for stealing a clock, a barometer, four tins of kerosene oil and one tin of gasoline, valued at \$36.15, belonging to the motor boat.

Inspector Sim stated that the defendant was the senior of two men employed on board the boat. On the 30th of September after the defendant had disappeared his assistant reported the theft to his master. The defendant was arrested near the gate of Taikeo Dockyard and the stolen articles were recovered from a pawnshop.

Mr. Moss said the defendant was employed by him two years ago. During a witness' recent short absence from the Colony defendant was not very regular at his work and was deeply involved in gambling debts. Defendant was paid \$27, including the wages of his assistant. On the 15th of last month he was given \$8 to carry out repairs on the boat, which had not been done. Defendant also had drawn \$19.50 of his wages in advance and his assistant complained that he had not been paid for two months.

The pawn-broker, for receiving the stolen articles without making the necessary enquiries, was ordered to return the articles to Mr. Moss.

SHANGHAI GERMAN ROBBERIES.

Chinese Accomplices Sentenced.

The case has been concluded at the Mixed Court, Shanghai, in which two Chinese, one of whom was formerly an interpreter at Wayside Police Station, were charged with complicity in the armed robbery for which three Germans were recently sentenced by the Mixed Court to five years imprisonment each.

At a previous hearing, Mr. W. S. Fleming urged the Court to deal leniently with the prisoners and yesterday again renewed the plea asking that they be dealt with by being released on probation.

Mr. G. H. Wright, who appeared for the prosecution, said he did not wish to press for a heavy conviction, as it was possible that these two prisoners might have been influenced by the others concerned. At the same time he thought the case was more serious than counsel for the defence appeared to think.

The Assessor, Mr. Tenney, said the Court was of opinion that the case was too serious to be dealt with in the way suggested by Mr. Fleming, especially as one of the accused was an interpreter at the Wayside Police Station. The latter would be sentenced to nine months' imprisonment and the other to three months.

GOLF.

The Championship Competition.

The Competition for the Championship of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club will be played over the Main Course at Fanling commencing on Sunday 13th October. The dates of playing the succeeding rounds will be announced later. Not more than one round will be played in any one day.

The competition is open to members and subscribers with handicaps of 10 and under or to others in the discretion of the Committee. It will be decided by match play, preliminary rounds 18 holes, final 36 holes. Entries, to be made at Happy Valley, close on 9th October.

Best Bogey Round. Mr. E. V. D. Farr has kindly offered a silver cup for the best Bogey Round on handicap terms over the main course at Fanling in the six months ending 31st March, 1919; open to members and subscribers. Any number of cards may be taken out. Entrance fee \$1 per card, to be devoted to War Charities.

In the event of a tie, the final will be decided by match play.

INTERPORT LAWN BOWLS.

Two Wins for Hongkong.

On the 23rd ult., Shanghai and Hongkong met on the Banks of the Shanghai Lawn Bowls Club, the terms being:

Hongkong—W. Russell (skip), W. G. Garrard, O. Bond, and D. Harvey.

Shanghai—A. Taylor (skip), J. Sheridan, J. D. Gaines, and G. Danlop.

The game was of a rather one-sided nature. At the eleventh end Hongkong met on the Banks of the Shanghai Lawn Bowls Club, the terms being:

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Hongkong, 15th October, 1918.

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Hongkong, June 13, 1918.

BUTCHER MEAT.

Beef Sirloin—Mei Lung Pa	lb.	24
Prime Cut—	lb.	24
Corned—Ham Ngau Yuk	lb.	24
Roast—Shiu	lb.	24
Breast—Ngau Nam	lb.	20
Soup—Tong Yuk	lb.	20
Steak—Ngau Yuk Pa	lb.	24
do.—Sirloin—Ngau Lau	lb.	20
Sausages—Ngau Cheung	No. 1	26
Ballock's Brains—No	per set	10
Tongue, fresh—Ngau Li	each	50
do.—corned—Ham Ngau Li	each	80
Head—Ngau Tau	lb.	1.09
Heart—Ngau Sum	lb.	13
Hump, Salt—Ngau Kin	lb.	20
Feet—Ngau Keuk	each	10
Kidney—Ngau Yiu	lb.	10
Tail—Ngau Mei	lb.	20
Liver—Ngau Koo	lb.	13
Tripe (undressed)—Ngau To	lb.	6
Calves' Head & Feet—Ngau-tai-tau-keuk	set	\$1.09
Mutton Chop—Yeung Pei Kwai	lb.	28
Leg—Yeung Pei	lb.	28
Shoulder—Yeung Shau	lb.	26
Saddle—Yeung On Yuk	lb.	29
Pigs Chittling—Chu Chong	lb.	4
Brains—Chu No	per set	3
Feet—Chu Keuk	lb.	14
Fry—Chu Chap	lb.	20
Head—Chu Tau	lb.	18
Heart—Chu Sam	each	10
Kidney—Chu Yiu	lb.	10
Liver—Chu Koo	lb.	30
Pork Chop—Chu Pai Kwai	lb.	24
Leg—Chu Pei	lb.	28
Loin—	lb.	28
Fat or Lard—Chu Yau	lb.	21
Sheep's Head and Feet—Yeung Tan Keuk	set	65
Heart—Yeung Sam	each	9
Kidney—Yeung Yiu	lb.	13
Liver—Yeung Koo	lb.	28
Sucking Pig, to order—Chu Tai	lb.	20
Suet, Beef—Shang Ngau Yau	lb.	26
Mutton—Shang Yeung Yau	lb.	20
Veal—Ngau Tsi Yuk	No. 1	20
Sausages—Ngau Tsi Cheung	No. 1	20

FISH.

Barbel—Ka Yu	lb.	26
Bream—Pin Yu	lb.	18
Canton Fresh Water Fish—Hoi Sin Yu	lb.	18
Carp—Li Yu	lb.	22
Catfish—Chik Yu	lb.	14
Codfish—Mun Yu	lb.	16
Crabs—Hoi	lb.	18
Cuttle Fish—Muk Yu	lb.	16
Dab—Sha Meng Yu	lb.	32
Dace—Wong Mei Lap	lb.	10
Dog Fish—Titi To Sha	lb.	10
Eels, Conger—Hoi Man	lb.	14
do.—Fresh water—Tan Sui Yu	lb.	18
do.—Yellow—Wong Sin	lb.	34
Frogs—Tin Kai	lb.	36
Garoupa—Shek Pan	lb.	44
Gudgeon—Pak Kap Yu	lb.	17
Herrings—Tao Pak	lb.	22
Halibut—Cheung Kwan Kap	lb.	22
Labrus—Wong Fa Yu	lb.	20
Loach—Wu Yu	lb.	26
Lobsters—Lung Ha	lb.	20
Mackerel—Chi Yu	lb.	22
Monk Fish—Mong Yu	lb.	34
Mullet—Chai Yu	lb.	16
Oysters—Shang Ho	lb.	18
Parrot Fish—Kai Kung Yu	lb.	14
Perch—Tau Lo	lb.	18
Pike—Fa Pau Fong	lb.	18
Plaice—Pan Yu	lb.	16
Pomfret, Black—Hak Chong	lb.	28
Pomfret, White—Pak Chong	lb.	32
Prawns—Ming Ha	lb.	34
Ray—Fai Pa Sha	lb.	10
Rock Fish—Shek Koo Kung	lb.	15
Roach—Chun Yu	lb.	14
Salmon—Ma Yau	lb.	32
Shark—Sha Yu	lb.	8
Skate—Po Yu	lb.	8
Shrimps—Ha	lb.	25
Snapper—Lap Yu	lb.	28
Sole—Tat Sha Yu	lb.	18
Tench—Wan Yu	lb.	28
Turbot—Oho Hoi Yu	lb.	18
Turtles, small, fresh water—Keut Yu	lb.	80

FRUITS.

Almonds—Bang Yan	lb.	35
Apples (California)—Kam Shan Ping Kho	lb.	18
do.—Chefoo—Tsai Chai Ping Kho	lb.	18
Bananas, fragrant, Canton—San Shing Heng Chiu	lb.	5
do.—(brides)—Macao—San Heng Chiu	lb.	5
Chestnuts, Chinese—Fong Lai	lb.	11
Carambols—Yeung To	lb.	11
Coconuts—Ye Tse	each	10
Grapes—Po Tai Tse	lb.	28
Lemons, China—Ling Mung	lb.	3
do.—America—Kam Shan Ling Mung	each	17
Lichees Dried, (small stone)—Lai Chi Koo	lb.	28
do.—Fresh—	lb.	28
Oranges, (Canton), (Sweet)—Shan-shang Tin Ching	lb.	10
do.—Sweet—	lb.	10
Pears, (American)—Kam Shan Shoot Lay	lb.	10
do.—(Canton), (Cooking)—Sha Li	lb.	10
Pineapples—Fa Shang	lb.	10
Pomegranates, Large—Hung Tse	lb.	12

食肉

Artichokes—Ab Chi Cheuk	lb.	4
Beans, (French), Macao—Oh Moou Pin Tan	lb.	4
do.—(French) Shanghai—Sheung Hai Pin	lb.	4
do.—Sprout—Nga Teoi	lb.	4
do.—Long—Tau Kok	lb.	4
Beet Root—Hung Teoi Tau	lb.	4
Bitter Squash—Fu Kwa	lb.	4
Brinjals, Green—Ching Yun Kwa	lb.	4
do.—Red—Hung Ke	lb.	4
do.—Shanghai—Ye Teoi	lb.	4
Cabbage, Chinese, (common)—Kai Teoi	lb.	4
Cane Shoots, bunch—Kau Shan	lb.	4
Carrots—Kam Shan	lb.	4
Celery, Chinese—Tong Kan Teoi	lb.	4
Chillies Dried—Kon Lat Chiu	lb.	4
do.—Red—Hung Fa Chiu	lb.	4
do.—Green—Ching Lat Chiu	lb.	4
Curry Stuff, English—Ka Li Chiu Liu	lb.	4
Cucumbers—Ching Kwa	lb.	4
Garlic—Sun Tau	lb.	4
Ginger, young—Sun Tei Keung	lb.	4
do.—Old—Lo Keung	lb.	4
Horseradish, Shanghai—Lik Kan	lb.	4
Indian Corn—Suk Mai	lb.	4
Lettuce—Yeung Shang Teoi	lb.	4
Water Chestnuts—Ma Tai	lb.	4
do.—Mandarin—Kwai Lam Ma Tai	lb.	4
Mushrooms, Fresh—Shang Tei Kwa	lb.	4
Musk Melon, Amer.—Kam-san Hong Kwa	lb.	4
Okra—	lb.	4
Onions Bombay—Yeung Chong Tau	lb.	4
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Parsley—Kun Teoi	lb.	4
Green Peas—Ching Tau	lb.	4
Potatoes, Sweet—Fan Sha	lb.	4
do.—Shanghai—Sheung-hoi Shu Tse	lb.	4
do.—Japanese—Yut Fan Shu Tse	lb.	4
do.—American—Fa Ki Shu Tse	lb.	4
do.—Fochow—Fochow Shu Tse	lb.	4
Pumpkin—Tong Kwa	lb.	4
Radish—Hung Lo Pak Tse	lb.	4
Rhubarb (Fresh)—Tai Wong	lb.	4
Sage—Tse So	lb.	4
Shallots—Kon Ching Tse	lb.	4
Spinach—Yin Teoi	lb.	4
Tomatoes—Fan Ke	lb.	4
do.—Wu Tau	lb.	4
Turnips, Funtai, (Long)—Lo Pak	lb.	4
do.—English—Yeung Lo Pak	lb.	4
Vegetable Marrow—Chit Kwa	lb.	4
do.—(American)—Kam-san Jhit Kwa	lb.	4
Water Cress—Sai Yeung Teoi	lb.	4
do.—Lily root—Lin Ngau	lb.	4
Yams—Ta Shu	lb.	4
do.—English—Yeung Kan Choi	lb.	4
do.—Tau	lb.	4
Plantain—Tai Chiu	lb.	4
Plums—Swatow, Hung Lai	lb.	4
Pumelo, Siam—Chim Lo Yau	lb.	4
do.—Shanghai—Lo Kwa	lb.	4
Walnuts—Hoop To	lb.	4
do.—Green—Sang Hop Tuo	lb.	4
Water Melon—(Am.)—Kom San Sai Kwa	lb.	4

海鮮

Chicken—Kai Tse	lb.	30
Capons, Small—Sin Kai	lb.	30
do.—Large—	lb.	30
Ducks—Ap	lb.	24
Doves—Pan Kan	lb.	18
Eggs, Hen—Kai Tan (cooking)	per doz	17
do.—(fresh)—	per doz	24
Fowls, Canton—Kai	lb.	35
do.—Hainan—Hoi Nam Kai	lb.	35
Geese—Nga	lb.	35
Pigeons, Canton—Pak Kap	each	20
do.—Hainan—Hoi Hoi Pak Kap	each	24
Snipe—Sha Tse	lb.	22
Turkeys, Cook—Fo Kai Kung	lb.	50
do.—Hen—Na	lb.	50
Pheasant—Shan Kai	lb.	50
Quail—Om Chun	lb.	50
Partridges—Che Ku	lb.	50

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COMMERCIAL NEWS.

German Search for Copper.
The search by German military authorities for copper and brass to be used in making munitions has disclosed that most of the supposedly copper statues in Berlin are nothing but extremely thin metal shells, similar to some of the trophies presented in war days by the Emperor. It has been decided that it will not be worth while to dismantle the statues because of the small amount of metal to be obtained. The large copper figure of Barolona, a female figure representing the city of Berlin, on the Alexander Place, is the first Berlin monument to be taken down for melting.

Degrees in Commerce.
Mr. A. J. Balfour, speaking recently at the Mansion House at a conference with the London University on commercial education and degrees in commerce, said that the scheme of conferring commercial degrees was favourably regarded by the Government. On the face of it, nothing could seem more natural than that the University of London should do all it could to further the great commercial, financial, and industrial interests on which the greatness of London, especially depended. They had to be on their guard against narrowing their academic standard by having too close a regard to its purely utilitarian aspects. They had to inculcate breadth of view, and he was clearly of the opinion that if this academic effort were taken up in the right spirit, as he believed it was, and if the teachers understood not merely the technical details of their subject but also the place which that subject had in the circuit of human interests, nothing but good could be attained by any student who had the time and the means to take advantage of the course which it was hoped to open to him as a result of that meeting. An influential committee was appointed, containing some of the best known names in the banking, manufacturing, and commercial world. It is intended to found lectureships in commercial subjects in the colleges of the University, such as the London School of Economics; to organise a bureau to assist and advise students working by themselves; to create and subsidise a commercial literature suitable for the rising generation of business men; and to found and endow travelling fellowships and scholarships in commerce, with a view to promoting the study by Englishmen of commercial languages and methods in every country abroad where the development of British commerce may reasonably be expected.

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SELLING.		BUYING.	
T/T Demand	3/8 1/2	4 m/s. L/C	3/7 1/2
30 d/s	3/8 1/2	4 m/s. D/P	3/8 1/2
60 d/s	3/8 1/2	6 m/s. L/C	3/8 1/2
4 m/s.	3/7 1/2	30 d/s Sydney & Melbourne	3/8 1/2
T/T Shanghai	Nom.	30 d/s San Francisco	85 1/2
T/T Singapore	152 1/2	co & New York	
T/T Japan	154	4 m/s. Marks	Nom.
T/T India	Nom.	4 m/s. France	4.86 1/2
T/T San Francisco	81 1/2	6 m/s. France	4.91 1/2
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T/T Java	181	Demand New York	81 1/2
T/T Manila	N. m.	T/T Bombay	Nom.
T/T France	4.69	T/T Calcutta	Nom.
Demand Paris	4.69 1/2	T/T Cebu	Nom.
		T/T Hongkong	Nom.
		T/T Shanghai	152 1/2
		On Haiphong	114 1/2 prem.
		On Saigon	114 1/2 prem.
		On Bankok	114 1/2 prem.
		Sovereign	5.55 Nom.
		Gold test bar	43.44
		Bar Silver, per 1000	49.44
		SUEZ CANAL	
		DISCOUNT FEB 1900	
		H'kong 50 cts sub.	4.69 1/2
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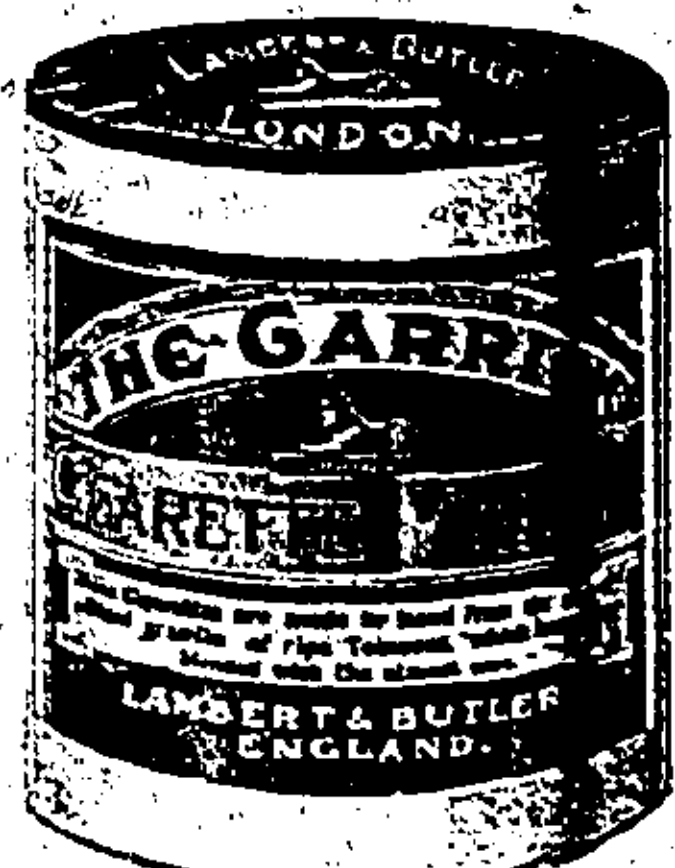
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The Parcel Post Service to the Portuguese Colonies in West Africa and to Spanish Colonies in Morocco (except for France, S. & W.) is suspended.

Correspondence addressed to enemy subjects in China, Siam, Siberia and Portuguese East Africa, Persia and Morocco cannot be transmitted.

Parcels for Greece cannot be accepted for transmission unless accompanied by a special permit issued by the British Minister at Athens.

Uninsured parcels for the United Kingdom will in future be forwarded from Hongkong in bags and the Public are therefore advised to pack such parcels very carefully.

Letters franked at the 4 cents rate addressed to Yunfu and Mengtze and other places in the Province of Yunnan should be superscribed with the words "For delivery by the Chinese Post Office."

Until further notice parcels for civil addresses in the provinces of Ussuri, Vienna, Trieste, Padua, Venice and Belluno in Italy will not be accepted for transmission unless posted under the British War Office Permit.

The Parcel Post Service to British East Africa and Egypt (except for members of the Expeditionary Forces), and to Abyssinia, Bagdad, Enghra, French Somali Coast, Italian Somaliland, Portuguese East Africa, Zanzibar and Russia have been suspended.

The charge for customs duty on type samples of unmanufactured tobacco not exceeding 500g in gross weight, and on samples of spirits (except for fumed spirits) not exceeding 120g in gross weight imported into the United Kingdom by post has now been increased to 25/5d and 15/4d respectively.

The importation by post into Japan of foreign rice, except such as may be imported by the Minister of Agriculture and Commerce and the persons designated by him, is prohibited.

This prohibition is applicable to rice imported into Taiwan (Formosa) and Karabuto (Japanese Saghalien).

From the 1st May 1918 there will be three General deliveries daily from the District Post Office except on Sundays and Holidays when there will be one delivery only.

The hours of delivery will be as follows:—Week days 9 a.m. 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sundays and Holidays noon.

The importation into the Commonwealth of Australia of tea, other than that grown or produced in British Possessions is prohibited, unless the consent in writing of the Commonwealth Minister for Trade and Customs has been first obtained.

Telegraphic information has been received from London that packets of Sugar not exceeding one pound in weight may still be sent by parcel post to the United Kingdom and that such packets are admitted to the United Kingdom free of import licence or customs duty.

The Director General of Posts and Telegraphs, India, advises that: "The Parcel Post Service to the Indian Civil Postal Agencies at Abul Khasib, Amara, Bagdad, Basra, Basra City, Fao, Kut, Nasiriyah, Qadisiyah, Suk-ah-Shaykh and Zubair in Mesopotamia is suspended, and that piece-goods, haberdashery and similar articles, except those intended for the personal use of the addressee and not for sale, cannot be sent to those offices or to Abadan, Ahwas or Mohammara by the letter post, and that such articles if received will not be delivered and will be liable to confiscation."

On 1st September, 1918, the rates of postage chargeable in India on letters for all places above 1 to which the rate of 1 anna per ounce was previously applicable was raised to 1½ annas for the 1st ounce and 1 anna for each additional ounce.

The postage on letters to Naval and Military addresses was not raised.

Registered and Parcel Mail's close 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated.

In the case of Mail's closing before 9 a.m. Registration closes at 5 o'clock on the previous evening.

The insured letter and insured parcel service between Egypt (or in transit through Egypt) and Cyprus are temporarily suspended.

OUTWARD MAILS.

TO-MORROW.

Saigon—5th Oct. 8 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—5th Oct. Noon.

Saigon—5th Oct. 1 p.m.

Formosa via Keelung—5th Oct. 2 p.m.

Shanghai and North China—5th Oct. 2 p.m.

Java & Port Moresby via Batavia—5th Oct. 3 p.m.

Fort Bayard—5th Oct. 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, 6th October.

Chefoo & Tientsin—6th Oct. 9 a.m.

Swatow—6th Oct. 9 a.m.

MONDAY, 7th October.

Chefoo & Tientsin—7th Oct. 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, 8th October.

Shanghai and North China—8th Oct. Noon.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—8th Oct. 1 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 9th October.

Shanghai, N. China, Japan via Moji, Canada, United States, Central & S. America—9th Oct. 9 a.m. via Vancouver—9th Oct. 9 a.m. via Seattle—9th Oct. 9 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.

THURSDAY, 10th October.

Shanghai and North China—10th Oct. Noon.

FRIDAY, 11th October.

Philippine Islands—11th Oct. 5 p.m.

WEATHER REPORT.

October 4d. 10h. 55m.—Warning to Hongkong, Coast Ports, Formosa, S. & W. Typhoon in Lat. 21° N. Long. 125° E. moving N.W. at 8 to 12 m.p.h.

October 4th 12h. 00m.—No returns from Japan, Vladivostok and Indo-China. Pressure has increased slightly over the Philippines, decreased considerably over Formosa, and decreased slightly elsewhere; it remains highest over N. China.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches. Total since January 1st 96.34 inches against an average of 76.77 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District. Forecast.

Hongkong to Gap Road. N. winds, moderate; fine.

Formosa Channel. N. winds, strong.

South coast of China between H.K. and Lamook. The same as No. 1.

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China Coast Meteorological Register. Oct. 4, a.m.

Station. Hour. Barometer. Temperature. Humidity. Wind. Force. Weather.

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A STORMY MEETING.

The Shanghai Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.

There was rather a heated discussion at the tenth annual general meeting of the Shanghai Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd., held on September 26 at the board room of Messrs. Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, Ltd., agents, there being present the full board of directors comprising Messrs. T. Hayashi (Chairman), W. J. N. Deer, J. Prentice, D. Hatabu, and Horatio Robertson, and a large number of shareholders, mostly Japanese, 28,434 shares being represented.

After the Chairman's speech, an inquiry was made by Mr. Morris relative to the number of spindles now in operation, Mr. Hatabu replying that the Board were unable to state when the full plant would be in operation, but that 30,000 spinning frames had arrived, of which half would be working before the close of the year. It must be borne in mind, Mr. Hatabu said, that operators here must be trained in batches, and it would be some time before a skilled staff were developed.

After a word with the Chairman, Mr. Horatio Robertson stated that he might throw some enlightenment on the question of machinery and reminded the shareholders that at the meeting in 1914 they had been asked to subscribe Tls. 1,000,000 for new machinery and were then promised by the Board that the mill would be equipped in a manner superior to anything they had had before. The shareholders were loyal, they paid up to a man, some over-subscribing. There were delays over the erection of the new mill; that the speaker would pass over; what concerned him was the machinery then ordered. The Board had assured shareholders that the new mill would be ready and in working order in 1915, again in 1916, certainly by the beginning of the 1916-17 year. In 1915 the shareholders had been told from the directors' table—the speaker himself was a director—that all machinery had been ordered. They were told the same thing in 1916, in 1917, and were told it to-day, that the machinery would come. Is it not a fact, Mr. Chairman, Mr. Robertson asked, that to obtain information as to the machinery, a telegram was sent by the Board to the manufacturers in England? What was the contents of the reply? I have not yet got to the bottom of that telegram, but I have an inkling.

Mr. Gulland asked if the information Mr. Robertson was about to give away now was known to him a year ago; was it available to Mr. Robertson a year ago? If it was concealed, then Mr. Robertson was equally responsible with the other directors.

He issued some remarks by Mr. Robertson in which others joined, several talking at the same time, and response being over the board room, shareholders expecting some interesting revelations, when the Chairman put an stopper on the discourse by remarking "All this is not necessary now."

Mr. Robertson—It is very necessary.

Mr. Gulland—If very necessary, why not last year?

Mr. Robertson—If the Chairman will allow me. We have in the mill machinery dated 1916, 1917, 1918; what I want to know is where is the machinery for 1914 and 1915? I know I am about to be shamed if this Board and—

Mr. Burritt—This discussion has reached an uneasy condition. Mr. Robertson seems to have quarrelled with the rest of the Board. If the information he now wishes to divulge was available before, and was not given, Mr. Robertson himself is to blame.

By an overwhelming show of hands it was voted to discontinue the discussion, after which Mr. Robertson said that, as a resolution was to be proposed to shelve him off the Board, he would ask again "Where is that machinery?"

The report and statement of accounts was passed on the proposal of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Prentice, and Mr. Hayashi was re-elected managing director on the proposal of Mr. Hatabu seconded by Mr. Deer.

A resolution was then introduced by Mr. Prentice, seconded by Mr. Deer, to re-elect Mr. Robertson to the board, Mr. Prentice saying that there had been no split in the directorate as intimated by Mr. Burritt; Mr. Burritt replying that what Mr. Robertson had said about being "shoved off" made it perfectly obvious there was a split. The resolution was lost.

A substitute resolution was then introduced by Mr. Gulland, duly seconded, electing Mr. Henry E. Morris a director, after which Messrs. G. H. & N. Thomson were re-elected auditors, their fee being raised from Tls. 750 to Tls. 1,250 annually, this being proposed by Mr. Yokotaki seconded by Mr. Katsuki.

A bonus to the permanent staff, left to the discretion of the board, was passed on the proposal of Mr. Prentice seconded by Mr. Morris. Mr. Robertson here attempted some remarks to the effect that while some of the staff were worthy of the bonus, others were not.

A Japanese shareholder here proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Robertson, the retiring director, who had been on the Board since the company started, and during his tenure of office had rendered good service for the company and shareholders, this taking the form of a resolution to record the thanks of shareholders and that Mr. Robertson be awarded a bouquet, the sum to be left to the discretion of the board. This resolution was carried, but not unanimously. Mr. Burritt voting against and other European shareholders not voting.

Mr. Robertson thanked the shareholders for the compliment shown him and invited them to appoint a committee to meet him at any time, when he would explain what he had been fighting for all these years, that he was working for their interests, and when they had heard what he would say they would have another opinion of him.

Mr. Burritt, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Board and staff for the excellent showing of the company, said he knew there was trouble in the Board, but not that there was any such trouble as was now apparent. He suggested that the Board hereafter take shareholders into their confidence, and if there was anything to explain, especially relative to delays in arrival of machinery, an explanation should be made. The Chairman said Mr. Burritt's suggestion would have every consideration.

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THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 27th September to 5th October, 1918, both day inclusive.

By Order.

M. MANUK, Secretary.

Hongkong, 26th September, 1918.

G. R.

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